THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 70.74 crores in 1990-91.

(b) Yes, Sir. This is an ongoing continuous exercise.

Yatri Niwases run by Railways

*92. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri Niwases which are run by Railways;

(b) what is the purpose of running these Niwases;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to private these Niwases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two.

(b) To provide accommodation to passengers for short stay.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Distribution of Telugu Ganga Waters

*93. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project costing Rs. 600 crores to ensure the storage treatment and distribution of the Telugu Ganga waters in and around Madras is pending for early clearance by the World Bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) A project costing Rs. 505 crores for the supply of drinking water to Madras and surrounding areas prepared by the State Government is under consideration of the Government of India. Roughly Rs. 300 crores of the project cost is expected to be funded through World Bank assistance.

The project will make available 400 mld of water from the Krishna river in terms of the agreement between the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Subsidy for purchase of apples

*94. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have promised to give subsidy to the Himachal Pradesh Government for the purchase of apples;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this subsidy is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, Central Government is operating a Market Intervention Scheme in apples in Himachal Pradesh to ensure reasonable prices to the farmers immediately after the harvest when there are peak arrivals of apples in the market. The scheme is implemented on receipt of a request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the losses in the operations are shared equally between the Central and the State Government.

दिल्ली और जबलपुर के बीच तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी

*95. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली से जबलपुर के बीच एक तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो दिल्ली तथा जबलपुर के बीच चलने वाली मौजूदा रेलगाड़ी